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SUBJ: ARAB LANGUAGE SCHOOL TUNIS STATUS REPORT

1. TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FSI STUDENTS RECEIVED TUNIS. ORDERS HAVE NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS UNTIL VERIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED. REQUEST VERIFICATION OF FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS BY SEPTEL. REF. TUNIS 6508.

2. HOTEL:

A. ROOMS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED STUDENTS, DEPENDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS. CLASSROOMS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED TO BEGIN INSTRUCTION. OFFICE MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE.

B. CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ENROLLED AND ARE ATTENDING AMERICAN SCHOOL. TRANSPORTATION AND MEASL HAVE BEEN ARRANGED. ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW BEING MADE FOR KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL. PLAYROOM FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT SCHOOL AGE IS BEING ORGANIZED IN THE HOTEL.

C. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR FSI HAS BEEN ARRANGED WITH EMBASSY, I.E., MAIL, COMMISSARY, ETC.

D. DOCTORS AND MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO FSI ON A TWENTY FOUR HOUR BASIS.

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E. FOOD IS ADEQUATE IN THE HOTEL. HOWEVER, MENU IS VERY LIMITED AND THE PRICES OF MEALS IS EXPENSIVE, AVERAGING \$3 PER PERSON PER MEAL AS A MINIMUM. ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN PROCESS OF OBTAINING SPECIAL MEALS FOR CHILDREN.

3. TRANSPORTATION:

A. COMMERCIAL ROAD TRANSPORTATION IS PARTIALLY NON-EXISTENT TO THE CITY OF TUNIS. RAIL TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE AT MINIMAL COST.

B. TWO VEHICLES HAVE BEEN RENTED BY FSI TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENT AND INSTRUCTOR ARRIVALS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT ONE VEHICLE WILL BE RELEASED NEXT WEEK. SCHOOL CANNOT PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR CHILDREN UNTIL NOVEMBER 10. EMBASSY CANNOT FURNISH TRANSPORTATION ON A PERMANENT BASIS AT THIS TIME.

4. STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED EARNING STATEMENTS FROM PARIS.

5. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AND DEPENDENTS ARE BEING ARRANGED, I.E., TOURS, MOVIES, RECEPTION, ETC.

6. IMPOSSIBLE TO COMMUNICATE BY TELEPHONE AT THIS TIME FROM TUNIS TO WASHINGTON AND BEIRUT.

7. FINANCIAL PLAN AND COST ESTIMATES WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

8. GENERAL: THE MORALE OF THE STUDENTS IS HIGH AND THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO PROCEED WITH ARABIC STUDIES. NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS (ADMINISTRATIVE) ENCOUNTERED AT THIS TIME WHICH CANNOT BE WORKED OUT IN TUNIS. RECEIVING EXCELLENT COOPERATION FROM EMBASSY AND STAFF IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE RELOCATION OPERATION.
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